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SUBJECT: GERMAN HOPES FOR US/EC DECLARATION AND PRESIDENTIAL VISIT

BONN IS PRESSING TO BRING ABOUT A US/EC DECLARATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN THE HOPE OF FACILITATING A PRESIDENTIAL VISIT TO EUROPE IN THE SECOND HALF OF APRIL, ACCORDING TO WEST GERMAN FOREIGN OFFICE POLITICAL DIRECTOR VAN NELL. VAN NELL'S COMMENTS CAME IN A CONVERSATION WITH VISITING US/EC AMBASSADOR GREENWALD ON FEBRUARY 22, AT WHICH TIME HE ALSO VOLUNTEERED BONN'S HOPE OF GETTING A DRAFT DECLARATION TO WASHINGTON BY AT LEAST TEN DAYS BEFORE THE MARCH 14 DATE FOR THE US/EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS' MEETING. VAN NELL'S GENERALLY OPTIMISTIC VIEW STEMS IN PART FROM WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS FRENCH READINESS TO MOVE AHEAD WITH THE DRAFT.

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